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For: **OPTICAL DEVICE, LENS AND OPTICAL
ELEMENT FOR FOCUSING A LASER
BEAM AND APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR ASSEMBLING THE OPTICAL
DEVICE**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application prior to initial consideration on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 5, delete "DESCRIPTION" and insert the following heading and subheading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention--;

between lines 29 and 30, insert the following subheading:

--2. Discussion of Prior Art.